

REMARKS

Claims 21-41 were pending in the application. Claims 21, 25, 32, 34, and 41 have been amended. The amendments are supported fully by the claims and/or specification as originally filed and, thus, do not represent new subject matter. Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 21-41 will be pending and under active consideration. Claims 21, 32, 34, and 41 are independent.

In response to the Office Action entitled "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.121" dated June 22, 2004 (Paper No. 11) , Applicants respectfully submit that previously canceled Claims 1-20 had inadvertently not been included in the section of the Response entitled "Amendment To The Claims". Claims 1-20 had been previously canceled by way of the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 28, 2001. Accordingly, to be fully responsive under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.121(h), Applicants have provided herewith the required entire "Amendments to the Claims" Section of the Response filed on June 4, 2004 (Paper No. 10). This document provides the full set pending Claims 21-41, as well as the previously canceled Claims 1-20. Applicants respectfully request entry remarks made herein into the file history of the present invention.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit respectfully that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicants believe there is no fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gilberto M. Villacorta", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gilberto M. Villacorta, PH.D.
Registration No. 34,038
Serge Sira, PH.D.
Registration No. 39,445

Patent Administrator
KATTEN MUCHIN ZAVIS ROSENMAN
525 West Monroe Street, Suite 1600
Chicago, Illinois 60661-3693
Facsimile: (312) 902-1061

Dated: July 21, 2004